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All the facts on South Australia's regions

The fourth edition of **Regional Statistics, South Australia, 2001**, released today by the the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), provides a quick and revealing picture of South Australia's regions.

For the first time this publication presents time series statistics, covering 1995 to 2000, for each Local Government Area.

This popular annual provides a statistical overview of what's happening in South Australia's regions:

- see which regions have grown or which are in decline;
- compare local government areas;
- data sources also include non-ABS figures such as labour force estimates, social security customers and average taxable income.

New data in this year's publication includes:

- number of births and deaths, crude birth and death rates, number of age pension and disability customers, and area of agricultural holdings.

Good news for some regions and not so good for others:

- Onkaparinga contains the largest share of the State's population (9.9 per cent at 30 June 2000) while Orroroo/Carrieton has the smallest share, with 0.1 per cent.
- The region with the highest crude birth rate in 1999 was Ceduna (23.4 births per thousand population). Roxby Downs (22.7) and Tatiara (18.2) also had high rates. The lowest crude birth rates were in Adelaide (5.8) and Tumby Bay (7.0).
- Holdfast Bay had the highest crude death rate in 1999 with 14.5 deaths per thousand population. Orroroo/Carrieton was next with 13.2. The lowest crude death rates were in Roxby Downs (0.5), Tea Tree Gully, Grant and Yankalilla (all 4.1).
- The highest population increases were in Robe, with an increase of 4.4 per cent, Light, 2.6 per cent, Mount Barker, 2.5 per cent, Roxby Downs, 2.4 per cent and Adelaide, 2.2 per cent. However, the populations of Whyalla (-1.8 per cent), Flinders Ranges and Wattle Range (both -1.5 per cent), Karoonda East Murray (-1.4 per cent) and Tumby Bay (-1.3 per cent) decreased.

- For the June quarter 2000, unemployment was highest in Coober Pedy (17.5 per cent), Peterborough (16.6 per cent), Playford (16.2 per cent), Port Pirie City and Districts (13.4%) and Whyalla (13.3 per cent). Unemployment was lowest in Roxby Downs (2.1 per cent), Tatiara (2.2 per cent) and Kimba (2.6 per cent). The State's unemployment rate was 8.2 per cent for the same period.
- The average price of residential property sales in non-metropolitan SA ranged from approximately \$145,000 in Victor Harbor to around \$28,000 in Peterborough.

Details are in **Regional Statistics, South Australia, 2001** (cat. no. 1362.4), available from ABS bookshops. If you would like to purchase a copy please contact the **ABS Bookshop** in your capital city.

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